

FARMERETTE TO RECEIVE U. S. CASH



Mrs. Grace Blackwell Caukin of San Francisco, a practical farmer and a woman of wide experience in the solution of the land problems, was recently appointed Receiver of Public Money here by Presiden Wilson.

Mrs. Caukin is secretary of the State Central Committee of the Democratic party and is the first California woman to be named for any federal position outside of the postoffice

department.

The duties of the Receiver of Public Money include the handling of the finances of the Land Department of the Department of the Interior, under the supervision of Franklin K. Lane, and one of Mrs. Caukin's requisites for the office is her knowledge of agriculture, having been a farmer and aiming to conduct a farm while holding office.

LARGE PERCENTAGE OFF

Mrs. Hamilton Fish, widow of the late New York millionaire, will have to admit that there are some things they do better (from the point of herself and her kind anyway) at home than in Europe.

Mrs. Fish, bringing home a more or less famous painting by one Morretto da Brescia which her husband had not long since paid some \$4,000 for, turned it in at an Italian customs

office recently as being worth some 500 lire, or about \$100 in real money. A wise inspector, making a pretty good guess at the picture's value, exercised his right of pre-emption under the Italian law and bought it for that price.

The joke is on Mrs. Fish, but really it's more than a joke. It's a little sermon to society women who persist in "tricks that are vain," and, like Bret Harte's Chinaman, are occasionally caught.